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Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know why this long delay has occurred from the 5th February 1929 when the Bill was published in the Gazette up till now ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Because the Government have been considering the Bill very carefully."

Introduction of a Bill to amend the Village Courts Act.

* 196 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state when Government will bring a Bill to amend the various defects in the Madras Village Courts Act (I of 1889) that have been brought to their notice ?

A.—An amending Bill in regard to certain points relating to execution of the decrees passed by Village Panchayat Courts which the Government propose to introduce shortly, has been published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*—vide pages 87–89 of Part IV, dated 5th February 1929.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I know whether the Government intends to introduce only the Bill as it was published in the Gazette or an amplified Bill ?

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Only the Bill that has been published in the Gazette."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I know whether the Government have not received representations that the Bill requires amplification and that there are several defects in it as it is at present and therefore, whether they are not going to bring in a comprehensive Bill ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" No ; they are going to introduce only the particular Bill that has been published."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" May I know whether it is for this particular purpose that the Government have taken all the time for consideration of the Bill ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" We had to consult the Advocate-General."

Arms and Ammunitions

Issue of gun licences in South Kanara.

* 197 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of gun licence applications made by the people of South Kanara, talukwar if possible, in each of the years 1926, 1927 and 1928 ; and

(*b*) the number of licences actually issued ?

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A.—(a) & (b) The following statement gives the information:—

Taluks.	1926. Applications made.	1926. Grants.	1927. Applications made.	1927. Grants.	1928. Applications made.	1928. Grants.
Mangalore	148	106	131	81	136	69
Puttur	756	315	522	145	632	269
Kasaragod	361	149	305	59	251	75
Coondapoor	122	74	111	47	129	67
Udipi	101	56	88	40	101	39
Karkal	143	62	104	37	124	43
Total ..	1,631	762	1,261	409	1,373	562

Mr. K. R. KARANT:—"May I know why, when the deaths from wild beasts are increasing, the number of licences issued is decreasing?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Notice."

Issue of gun licences in South Kanara.

*198 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of applications received for gun licences in South Kanara in each of the last two years and the number of licences granted; and

(b) whether any instructions have been issued to district officers to be liberal in granting gun licences to ryots in the vicinity of reserve forests?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 197 (starred).

(b) The hon. Member is referred to paragraph 13 of the Government of India Resolution republished at pages 1340–43 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 27th November 1923 (Extract appended.)[a]

Labour

Drinking water well in Ramanayakastanda, hamlet of Singrahalli.

*199 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is no drinking water well in Ramanayakastanda, hamlet of Singrahalli, Harpanahalli taluk, Bellary district;

(b) whether to remedy this drawback the village people tried to sink a well themselves with borrowed money and tapped water;

(c) whether they could not proceed further with the work for want of money; and

(d) whether the Labour Department has taken any and, if so, what steps to finish the well?

A.—(a) to (d) The Government have no information.

[a] Printed as Appendix VII on page 436 infra.